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Case No. 659-877

K-C Ref. Nos. 16,569 and 16,875

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Sanders et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,506

Filed: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR  
ASSEMBLING  
REFASTENABLE  
ABSORBENT  
GARMENTS

Attention: Manager,  
Application Branch

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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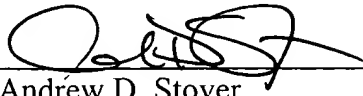
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated October 16, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- ☒ Applicant is:
  - ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
    - ☐ attached
    - ☐ already filed
  - ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ A check totaling \$1500.00 for:
  - ☒ Filing Fee of \$740.00.
  - ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00.
  - ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$630.00.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ A check for \$110.00 for a one month extension of time fee.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- ☒ Form PTO 1449.
- ☒ Copies of 146 cited references.
- ☒ Return receipt postcard.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1/16/02

  
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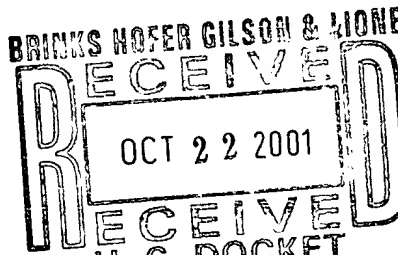
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Date Mailed: 10/16/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

**Filing Date Granted**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$630.
  - \$630 for 35 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1470.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Inventor(s) Sanders et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENTS			

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith: Check for \$1500.00 for the filing fee, 35 additional claims, and the surcharge; a check for \$110.00 for a one month extension of time fee; Transmittal (in duplicate); Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) (in duplicate); Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Declaration; Power of Attorney; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 146 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for a one month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	55-20	12
Indep. Claims	3-3	0
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

\*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in col. 2.

Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 370
x\$9=	\$
x\$42=	\$
+\$140=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 740
x\$18=	\$630
x\$84=	\$0
+\$280=	\$
Total	\$ 1370

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1500.00 to cover the filing fee, fee for 12 additional claims, and surcharge, and a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover a one month extension of time fee are enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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